



# SCHOOL PARTICIPATION IN BILLING MEDICAID

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
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## ISSUE BRIEF

### SUMMARY

The Department of Health reports that no new school districts signed up to bill Medicaid in FY 2018. This brief is for informational purposes only and requires no Legislative action.

### DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The report from the Department of Health (see <https://le.utah.gov/interim/2018/pdf/00002780.pdf>) is in response to the following motion passed by the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee at its October 18, 2017 meeting:

*The Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee intends that the Department of Health work with the Utah State Office of Education to encourage school districts and charter schools with large student populations to bill Medicaid for eligible medical services provided at school. The Department of Health shall work with the Utah State Office of Education to provide a report on the status of and financial impact to newly participating school districts and charter schools to the Office of the Legislative fiscal analyst by June 1, 2018.*

The motion passed by the Subcommittee required action in two areas. The brief lists each action and the agency's response.

- 1) "The Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee intends that the Department of Health work with the Utah State Office of Education to encourage school districts and charter schools with large student populations to bill Medicaid for eligible medical services provided at school."
  - a. The report submitted by the Department of Health makes no mention of any new efforts to encourage school districts to participate in Medicaid. The Department of Health indicates that it did the following to encourage Medicaid participation:
    - i. "The Department provides an annual training in the fall for special education directors and staff. All school districts and charter schools are invited to attend. This year the training will be held at the Provo School District on September 21.
    - ii. The Department periodically attends the annual Utah Special Education Administrators Meeting (USEAM.) This year's meeting is on September 13. The Department is on the agenda to discuss the School Based program.
    - iii. The Department presented at one of the USBE's annual charter school meetings. Participation in the program was encouraged.
    - iv. The Department also attends the quarterly meeting of district/charter school Medicaid Coordinators
    - v. The majority of school districts in the state already participate in this program."

1. Page 35 of the Issue Brief entitled "Budget Deep-Dive into Medicaid

Reimbursement Rates” available at <https://le.utah.gov/interim/2017/pdf/00004320.pdf> lists the nine school districts out of 41 total statewide that do not currently participate in the Medicaid program.

- 2) “The Department of Health shall work with the Utah State Office of Education to provide a report on the status of and financial impact to newly participating school districts and charter schools.”
  - a. The report makes no calculation of financial impact for newly participating school districts. The Department indicates that this is because no new school district or charter school entered the program in FY 2018.

For more information please see the full report by the Department available at <https://le.utah.gov/interim/2018/pdf/00002780.pdf>.